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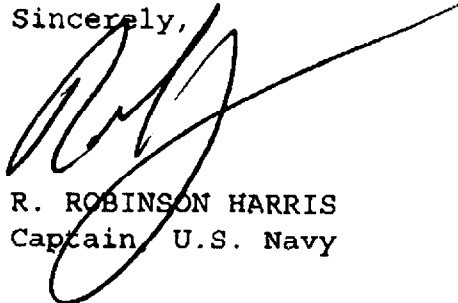
Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Thank you for your recent E-mail which included your editorial on the biological warfare threat. As you noted, this is an issue of growing concern in the Defense Department, recently brought to the forefront of the news due to revelations concerning the "Gulf War syndrome." I agree with you that advances in biotechnology have the unfortunate side effect of allowing for even more malicious microbiological agents of destruction.

Articles and editorials such as yours help raise awareness and understanding of the devastating effects of malicious use of such agents. New measures for combating the biological warfare problem need to be addressed and your recommendations are an excellent beginning. Biological weapon defense will be very difficult, even with international cooperation. However, it is clearly a critical mission for ensuring the security of all nations.

I enjoyed reading your editorial very much! Hopefully, I will see you at the 23-24 September Plenary.

Sincerely,



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Captain, U.S. Navy

Josh - IT'S
always GREAT to
hear from you -
Pls keep it
coming!